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Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying form PTO-1449 for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ No additional fee for submission of an IDS is required.
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Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby submits the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

A fee in the amount of \$180.00 (126) is enclosed in conformance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

The documents being submitted all relate to joined panels and/or joined flooring. Applicant asserts that the relevance of each document can be ascertained at least from the drawing figures.

In addition, the following statements of relevance are provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(3)(i):

DE19651149 relates to the use of a sealing agent to obtain a better seal between adjacent panels;

DE2552643 relates to the use of spring clips 5 to keep adjacent panels together;

DE314207A3 relates to a method of producing panels with a tongue and groove joint system;

DE4002547 relates to thermally insulating panels which are mounted with their edges in an overlapping position, the overlapping portions being undulated;

DE20001225U1 relates to a snap lock panel and a method of producing the same;

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DE19709641 is a clip system which is very similar to the subject matter disclosed in WO9313280, which has been previously submitted in this application;

DE19925248 has an abstract that reads as follows: The floorboard has a rectangular configuration with grooves (4,5) in one long side (2) and one face side (3). On the other long (6) and face (7) sides are projecting tongues (8,9). In the grooves and on the tongues locking devices (10) are formed, providing a secure engagement between adjacent floorboards when laid. On the upper long sides of the tongues, at least in areas, locking convolutions (11,11a) are provided, which have a front locating incline and a rear buttress incline and in the upper inner surfaces of the grooves locking channels are formed, working in conjunction with the locking convolutions. On the mouth side of the grooves on their upper longitudinal edges locating bevels for the locating inclines are provided;

FR2785633 corresponds to US6216403

In regards the non-English language documents being submitted and not discussed above, Applicant respectfully asserts that the relevance of each document can be ascertained from the drawing figures accompanying each document.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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